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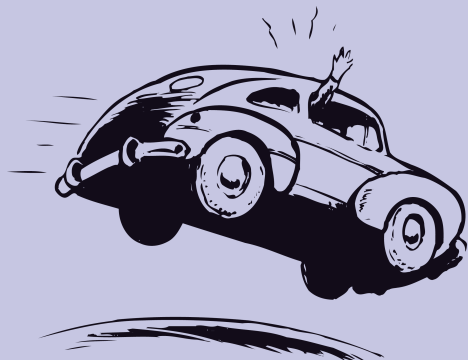
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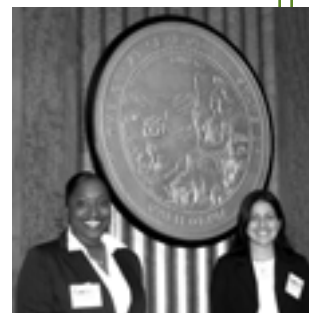
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## Record Enrollment Underscores Successful Year

**W**e have much good news to share with you and many things to be thankful for as the academic year 2003–2004 winds rapidly to a close. We had a record enrollment of 2,127 last fall. The Mount continues to attract a talented student body.

We hope you'll join us at Commencement 2004 in May, where we are honored to have Mount trustee and local PBS news diva Val Zavala as the speaker at our baccalaureate ceremony. If you live in Southern California, you know Zavala from her award-winning KCET program *Life & Times*. At the ceremony, we will be presenting the Carondelet Medal, the College's highest honor, to MaryAnn Bonino '61, professor at large and founding artistic director of The Da Camera Society and curator of the Doheny Mansion, for her more than 30 years of stellar service to the Mount and the larger cultural community.

We are also pleased to welcome our newest trustee, Msgr. Clement Connolly. A long-time friend of the College, he was born in Ireland and he has been pastor of Holy Family Church in South Pasadena since 1984 (see story, page 7).

In addition to their well-known dedication to teaching, our faculty remain active in their own academic disciplines. Associate Professor of English and Fletcher Jones Chair in Creative Writing Marcos McPeck Villatoro recently published *Minos*, the follow-up to his critically acclaimed *Home Killings* and second in his series of Romilia Chacón mysteries. The list of our faculty achievements is lengthy, as you'll see in the Applause section of this magazine (page 5).

We have been blessed with many new gifts to the College. Our long-time friends, supporters, and Regents Pam and Mark Rubin have donated \$80,000 for the creation of the new Frank R. Moothart Dining Room on the second floor of the Ahmanson Building, and improvements to the soon-to-be named



RICK MENDOZA

Pam and Mark Rubin Patio. Our students and guests will benefit from these improvements to the dining areas at the Doheny Campus (see page 10).

The William Hannon Foundation has given the College \$300,000 over three years for two scholarships—a much-needed addition to our growing endowment to help finance our students' pursuit of excellence. The Fletcher Jones Foundation will provide \$500,000 for the long-awaited and much-needed refurbishing of our chemistry labs. The foundation has been generous in its recognition of the importance of science education at the Mount. An additional grant of \$100,000 from the Darling Foundation will assist in classroom upgrades.

The Doheny Foundation has provided \$120,000 for the most compelling maintenance needs of the Doheny Campus. At our annual report to the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Provincial Superior Sister Maureen O'Connor, CSJ '63, said she was "proud and energized" by what is happening at the Mount. She also presented the College

with a check for \$100,000 for student scholarships. We are blessed to enjoy the love, support, and service of our founding CSJ community.

The state of California's budget crisis looms as a potential challenge for the Mount. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cuts deeply into the Cal Grant program, a major source of revenue for public and private colleges. The potential shortfall for the Mount is substantial, but more importantly, the proposal threatens the state's future by denying access to education to those students whose families cannot bear the burden alone. I hope you'll take to heart the message in our story on page 16 and contact your elected officials to ensure that a college education remains

excellent—and accessible.

We were pleased to welcome to campus in January Sister Sean Peters, CSJ, executive director of the Association of Colleges of Sisters of Saint Joseph. Sister Sean met with many persons on campuses and lead spirited discussions about the Catholic intellectual tradition, Catholic social teaching, and the shared values of the eight CSJ colleges that are part of the consortium. Those characteristics include creating hospitable and caring campus communities, manifesting concern for all without distinction, addressing the needs of the times, striving for excellence in all endeavors, and working to make a difference in the local and world community.

We're proud to be part of this mission and thank you for your support in its fulfillment.

Blessings,

Jacqueline Powers Doud  
President

## Moving Into New Territories

By Julie Feldman-Abe, Director of Elementary Teacher Preparation

I'm from New York. I say that up front because I find myself saying it all the time now, since I relocated to Los Angeles a year ago. Back East, with the exception of a particularly strong bond after 9/11, my "New Yorkerness" didn't take a lot of conscious energy. My city's contribution to my self-reference only became increasingly relevant when I found myself a recent transplant on the Pacific Coast.

Same thing with being Jewish. I've only had to think specifically about what that means to me or to others when I find myself in new territories—and moving to Los Angeles and Mount St. Mary's College has presented many interesting opportunities on that journey. The education students in my cultural diversity classes will tell you I love to explore these identity questions. So you can imagine my delight when I was invited last summer to adapt the Mount's diversity course in another new direction—teaching future Jewish day school educators at Hebrew Union College.

During July, I traveled between the Mount and neighboring Hebrew Union College to conduct dialogues about diversity with future teachers. It occurred to me that I shouldn't be the only one benefiting from this experience, so I invited some of my Mount students to visit the Hebrew Union class. I didn't have to do much to get the students talking. The theme of that day's class was media representation and stereotyping. But the students quite quickly moved the discussion to their own experiences of religious and secular education, racism and anti-Semitism, and the challenges of validating young people's backgrounds while preparing them to live in an equitable, multicultural society.

The most powerful part of the class was when students shared the poems they wrote about their own identities. Each read a portrait of memories of significant places, people, and experiences that expressed their self-definition. We heard, "my dad at the



JOANNA BANKS

*Not only did the Mount student deepen her understanding about her Jewish peer's background, but she felt she had made a new friend in someone she otherwise might never have met.*

—Julie Feldman-Abe

barbecue," "Grandma's serenata on Guadalupe's day," and "sunset beach picnics with Shabbat candles." Each voice presented unique life experiences, yet we were struck to find a part of ourselves in each of the stories resonating throughout the room.

After the class, one Mount student asked a Hebrew Union student if she could interview her for her diversity paper. She later wrote to tell me the two ended up talking for hours in a

café. Not only did the Mount student deepen her understanding about her Jewish peer's background, but she felt she had made a new friend in someone she otherwise might never have met.

Last December, I was filled with a sense that something very significant was happening as I sat in the Doheny Mansion witnessing Hebrew Union President Rabbi David Ellenson and Mount President Jackie Doud sign an agreement allowing education students to transfer credits between the colleges. The event symbolized a deep sense of mutual respect and commitment to prepare teachers to provide quality education to children of all faiths and backgrounds. It is truly a pleasure to be working with two colleges that have the faith to move into new territories and to nurture an understanding that my students and I came to during our first class meeting: that great things come from discovering and articulating our identities while learning about others. The ceremony was a strong confirmation for me that I have landed in the right place.



## Ahmanson Commons Officially Open

President Jackie Doud and Lee Walcott, president of the Ahmanson Foundation, dedicated the newly renovated Ahmanson Commons dining facility on the Doheny Campus last semester. More than 100 faculty, staff, and students gathered in the lobby of the building and watched as the facility was blessed and a new plaque was unveiled. Walcott explained that throughout history, “a ‘commons’ has served as a meeting place where people in a community come together.” The new Ahmanson Commons is offering this opportunity to more than 200 diners each day.

## Remembering Cheryl Mabey

The Mount Community was deeply saddened by the death of Cheryl Mabey Ruebensaal '69, who served as director of the Mount's Women's Leadership Program from 1977 to 1999, and as dean for student development from 1977 to 1987. She died peacefully on March 5 of ovarian cancer.

Mabey earned a bachelor's degree in history at the Mount, a master's degree in political science from Purdue University, and a law degree from Loyola University. She started her career as a teacher at the age 22, the only woman in the history/political science department at Cypress College, where she learned the importance of networking and women mentors.

During her tenure as director of the Mount's Women's Leadership Program, Mabey's accomplishments led to national recognition, along with Duke University and West Point, by the American Association of Colleges Council of Liberal Learning for developing the most comprehensive leadership program.

She expanded the program to include all students on both campuses, and took pride as she saw the numbers of participants increase each year. She also established leadership conferences for students and alumnae; created NETWORK, a professional mentoring group for alumnae and students; the Leadership Center, which trained students as facilitators for leadership programs in local Catholic and public high schools; the Summer of Service; and the Build Up L.A./Americorp Program.

“We turned every aspect of the College into a leadership laboratory,” Mabey once said of the program. In the 1980s, the College was the only one in the West involved in the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN), a national consortium of women's colleges working together to educate women for political leadership.

She received a prestigious Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship in 1983, which gave her

the opportunity to study the impact of law upon educational quality, and connected her with a broad national network of women leaders.

Mabey was named Outstanding Alumna of the College and dubbed a Leader's Leader in 1988. She also received an Outstanding Faculty award.

A published author, she contributed a chapter, “The Making of a Citizen Leader” to *The Leader's Companion: Insights on Leadership Through the Ages* by J. Thomas Wren.

Her long-time friend Janet Wolff Maulhardt '69 remembers Mabey during their student days with these words: “Where we would limit ourselves to

one or two interests, Cheryl took them all in and hit the ground running while we would still be philosophizing or strategizing. That's not to say at all that she was disorganized, just the epitome of women's ability to multi-task. And centering and focusing her in all her work were three reasons we all wished we could be like Cheryl—her deep, abiding faith, her loyalty to family and friends, and her concern for those less fortunate than us.”

In 1999, she left the Mount to become executive director and president of Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) Los Angeles, a program designed to boost reading instruction for low-performing students in the Northeast San Fernando Valley schools.

Remembering Mabey, Mount President Jacqueline Doud said, “Cheryl was a vital part of the Mount St. Mary's College community—dynamic, optimistic and visionary. We will all miss her keenly.”

She is survived by her husband Jack Ruebensaal, a former political science instructor at the Mount, and her son, Tyler, 20.

*Contributions to the Cheryl Mabey Leadership Scholarship may be sent to: Stephanie Cubba, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mount St. Mary's College, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007.*



# Applause

**Margaret Avila '74**, lecturer, Associate Degree in Nursing Program, wrote "Reinvigoration of Public Health Nursing in L.A. County." The article was published in 2003 in *JPH Management & Practice*.

**Deniz Cizmeciyan** and **Carla Bartlett** had an article published in the October edition of *The National Teaching & Learning Forum* about one year spent examining student work in an introductory physical science class. Cizmeciyan, assistant professor of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, and Bartlett, professor of Education, discuss progress made as part of the Mount's Campus Diversity Initiative in the article, "The Value of a Poker Face and Other Lessons: Reflections on a year-long examination of student work in an introductory physical science course."

Cizmeciyan recently had a chapter published in the book *Teaching About Numbers* by the Society for College Science Teachers.

**Jacqueline Powers Doud**, Mount president, was elected to the executive committee of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C., in January.

**Michele Dumont**, professor in the Philosophy Department, had a book review published in the September 2003 edition of *Hypatia—A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*. In her review of *Wounds of the Spirit: Black Women, Violence, and Resistance Ethics*, Dumont wrote that the book "demonstrates an impressive comprehension of the literature on intimate violence as well as critical insights into the spiritual and faith dimensions of black women's varied responses to intimate violence."

**Sister Teresita Espinosa**, professor and chair of the Music Department, wrote "Passport to Quality: Music Teaching in the 21st Century" for *Catholic Music Educator*.

**Mary Paquette**, assistant professor in the Associate Degree in Nursing Program, edited *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care*, a peer-reviewed quarterly nursing journal of advanced practice psychiatric nurses.

**Nancy Pine**, director of the Bridging Cultures: U.S./China Program in the Education Department, wrote "Chinese Children's Decoding

Strategies" in the *Journal of Literacy Research* in summer 2003.

**Montserrat Reguant**, chair and associate professor of the Language and Culture Department, collaborated on the book, *Cartes inedites de Joan Amades en torn de les Xilografies Gironines*.

**Susan Skousen**, director of the College's Child Development Center, had her article "Secrets of Effective Discipline" published during summer 2003 in *Latino Parenting* magazine. Skousen's article, published in both Spanish and English, gives parents discipline advice for children up to age eight.

**Eric Stemp**, associate professor in the Physical Sciences and Mathematics Department, was recently published in the journal *Biochemistry* along with Mount students Kristina Kurbanyan, Kim L. Nguyen, Phuong To, Eunice V. Rivas, Alexis M. K. Lueras, Cynthia Kosinski, Mary Steryo, Arcelia Gonzalez, and Daisy Ann Mah. The article is "DNA-Protein Cross-Linking via Guanine Oxidation: Dependence Upon Protein and Photosensitizer."

**Susan Sy**, assistant professor of psychology, recently had the article "Formal Instruction and Kindergarten Achievement in China and the United States" published in the *Journal of Psychology in Chinese Societies*. She also had the article "Developmental transitions across the life span" published in the *Encyclopedia of Human Ecology*. The article looks at how major events shape people's lives.

**Arianne Walker** had her article "Learning Communities and Their Effect on Students' Cognitive Abilities" published recently in the *Journal of the First-Year Experience*. Walker is the College's director of Institutional Research and Assessment.

**Mary Yukari Waters**, creative writing lecturer in the Weekend College, wrote *The Laws of Evening*, a collection of stories exploring Japanese society after World War II. The book was selected for Barnes & Noble's Discover Great New Writers Program. She is a recipient of a creative writing grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

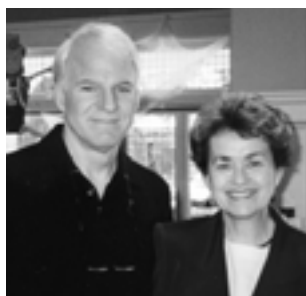


JOY JACOBS

## President to President—Program to Program

Rabbi David Ellenson, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and Jackie Doud, president of Mount St. Mary's College, signed an articulation agreement between the two institutions on the Doheny Campus last December. The new agreement will help aspiring Jewish day school teachers earn their teaching credentials at the Mount as they attend education classes, and give them an opportunity to eventually earn master's degrees. "We both value education so much and I am very happy to sign this agreement with Hebrew Union College," Doud told jubilant administrators and instructors from both institutions who filled the Pompeian Room in the Doheny Mansion.

(Read more about this in My Turn on page 3).



## Encoring at Doheny

Mount President Jackie Doud and actor/writer/director Steve Martin enjoyed a chat during a break in the filming of the movie "Shop Girl" in the Administration Building on the Doheny Campus. Martin had just completed a scene in the Marty and John Gillin Conference Room, which was set as a psychiatrist's office in Seattle. The comedy, which is scheduled for release later this year, also features the Pompeian Room in the Doheny Mansion as a ballroom, and a room in the Classroom Building as a loan officer's office. Martin last appeared on the Doheny Campus in the mid-1980s when he filmed scenes for "The Three Amigos."

### Sr. Cecilia Louise Moore Passes Away

As this magazine was going to press, the Mount community was saddened to learn of the death of Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ '53, on April 5, 2004. The next issue of *The Mount* magazine will be dedicated to Sister Cecilia Louise's life of remarkable service. Visit the Mount's Web site at [www.msmc.la.edu](http://www.msmc.la.edu) for more information.

## Screening of Documentary 'Señorita Extraviada' Draws Capacity Crowd to Doheny Campus

**M**ore than 550 Mount students, faculty, staff, and community members filled the Doheny Campus Lecture Hall to capacity in February to watch a free screening of the documentary "Señorita Extraviada," or "Missing Young Woman."

The film, shown as part of the Mount's Second Annual Human Rights Film Festival, features interviews with the family members of young women from Juárez, Mexico, who were raped and murdered during a violent spree that began in the border town in 1993. The number of victims is unknown, but activists estimate that as many as 400 women have been brutalized in recent years.

The festival also screened the documentary film "Juvies" in March at the Chalon Campus. "Juvies" explores the impact of America's failing juvenile justice system by following the lives of youngsters in Juvenile Hall who transition to the brutal adult prison system.

After the screening of "Señorita Extraviada," guests were invited to take on advocacy roles to pressure Mexican authorities to crack the unsolved crimes. Mount students led a Women of Juárez vigil the next week in front of the J. Thomas McCarthy Library on the Doheny Campus.

Students also collected hundreds of signatures for a letter to Mexican President Vicente Fox urging an aggressive investigation and prosecution of the murders. The letter was delivered to the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles during the week of Feb. 17. Guests also signed a reflections book which was sent to Mexico for victims' families to read.

Before the screening, paper crosses naming victims were pinned to each seat in the auditorium. Guests were asked to wear the crosses in memory of the young women.

Mount student Gaby Robledo, assistant coordinator of the Human Rights Film Festival Advisory Board, called the ongoing violence against young Mexican women—most of whom were poor and working in assembly factories for multinational companies earning \$4 a day—a human rights violation.

Mount student Tatiana Morrison, an advisory board member, urged visitors to take action. "By becoming advocates, we can face these injustices together," she said.

The film festival is sponsored by the College's Department of Sociology and its new documentary film and social justice program, and Human Rights Watch (see story page 10).



Students call attention to the suffering of victims by lying near chalk outlines of bodies they drew.

PATRICIA WILLIAMS

## MS in Nursing Students Receive Federal Grants

**T**hree first-year Master of Science in Nursing students who came to the Mount with the highest college grade point averages have been awarded federal grants through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Advanced Nursing Education Traineeships provide stipends toward program expenses for Teri Helton, Victoria Ortiz, and Karin Cox.

The Mount's Master of Science in Nursing program is designed for mid- and late-career nurses who are looking to work in diverse areas of health care including maternal health and community wellness programs. For more information about enrolling in upcoming classes beginning in August, contact Tom Hoener, director of graduate recruitment at the College, by phone at (213) 477-2800, or by e-mail at [thoener@msmc.la.edu](mailto:thoener@msmc.la.edu).

## Acclaimed Poet Performs Dramatic Readings for Students



JOANNA BANKS

Nationally acclaimed poet Wanda Coleman, who came of age in the turmoil of Watts in the 1960s, shared dramatic readings of her work with Mount students last fall.

"Poetry was the only place where I could really say what I wanted to say," said the African-American writer, who was born in 1946. "That freedom has made me very innovative as a writer."

Coleman said she used poetry as an outlet for her anger about issues in the inner city and Civil Rights nationwide. "I said, 'I've got to get this anger out of me. I've got to get this into words.'"

Controversy plays a central role in her work, stemming from her past as a welfare mother and from her social consciousness. But she said she doesn't touch some topics.

"I made a rule that I try not to reveal the family business in my work, or my friends' business," she said.

"But if we fall out," she added, joking, "then they're fair game."

About 80 students came to hear Coleman read from her work in the José-Drudis Biada Art Gallery on the Chalon Campus.

Coleman is the winner of the 1999 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize and has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation. She was born and raised in Watts, struggled as a young welfare mother, and has worked as a medical secretary, journalist, and scriptwriter.

Her poetry books include *Native in a Strange Land: Trials & Tremors*, *Hand Dance*, and *Bathwater Wine*.

## Monsignor Connolly Named to Board



The Reverend Monsignor Clement J. Connolly joined Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees in 2003. Born in Ireland, Connolly was ordained to the priesthood in 1964, and he has been pastor of Holy Family Church in South Pasadena since 1984.

He attended St. Munchin's College in Limerick, Ireland in 1958, and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology in 1964 from St. Patrick's College in Thurles, Ireland.

Starting in 1968, he served as secretary for two cardinals, and from 1970 to 1981 was director of insurance for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Between 1996 and 1999, he was chair of the Editorial Council of *The Tidings*, the Archdiocesan newspaper. He was an elected member of the board of directors for the Priest Pension Board of the archdiocese from 1994 to 2001. Since 1999, Connolly has been a member of the board of trustees for the Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead. Since 2002, he has been a member of the San Marino YMCA board of managers.

In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, reading and traveling.

## The Mount in the Media

**Los Angeles Times**—quoted Mount President Jackie Doud discussing her concerns with Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposal to cut more than \$30 million in state grants to college students seeking financial aid to attend private schools. Cuts to the Cal Grants program would hit hard at the Mount, where one-third of undergraduates come from families earning less than \$25,000 a year. (February)

**Atlanta Journal-Constitution**—quoted Sande Harte, associate professor of sociology, in a Living Section story about the millions of people hoping to win a 3,000-square-foot home in the HGTV Dream Home Giveaway. For the last half-century, the dream has shifted from "my home" to "my ideal home," Harte said. "A well-landscaped, beautiful home is about more than family and security. It's about status, personal success." (February)

**Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education**—published an essay by Karen Perkins, assistant professor in the Biological Sciences Department. In her article, Perkins writes that she has learned that the key to capturing student interest is to explore the question, "Why do we have to know this?" (January)

**Boston Globe**—quoted Pam Haldeman, chair of the Mount's Sociology and Gerontology Department, in a story about age discrimination. In the story, which ran on the cover of the Living section, Haldeman says, "Elders have had a hard time in American culture for hundreds of years, and there is always some new reason for why the older worker is perceived as not being as productive or effective as the younger worker." (December)

**Atlanta Journal-Constitution**—quoted Provost Mary Boyce in a story about the new CEO of Delta Air Lines and his efforts to boost employee morale amid cutbacks. Boyce, a scholar of organizational culture, said, "If employees believe things will be different, they can communicate that to the customer, even if they don't see any evidence yet that things are different." (December)

**The Tidings**—featured two new bachelor's degree programs offered at the Mount in documentary film and social justice and social work. The new majors begin in fall 2004. (December)

**Columbus (Ga.) Ledger-Enquirer**—featured Marcos McPeck Villatoro in a story about his visit to Columbus, Ga., as part of a nationwide tour for his new book *Minos: A Romilia Chacón Mystery*. Villatoro holds the Fletcher Jones Chair in Writing at the College. (October)

## Cardinal Honors Members of the Mount Community

Cardinal Roger Mahony celebrated six honorees at the 2004 Cardinal's Awards Dinner in February, including Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ '53, past president of the Mount and former associate superintendent for the Los Angeles Archdiocesan secondary schools and colleges and Chancellor for the Archdiocese. Sister Cecilia Louise was president of the Mount from 1967 to 1976. Cardinal Mahony also honored Kathleen Leavey McCarthy, long-time supporter and friend of the College, and Robert Ahmanson, president of the Ahmanson Foundation, which provides scholarships to Mount students. Each year the honors are presented to exceptional people who have shown unusual faith and service to their church and community.

Awards were also presented to William M. Close, John O'Keefe, and Edward H. Rose for their dedication and service to the Catholic Church.

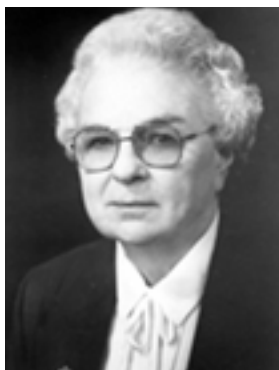
### News Flash!

The Mount is proud to announce its newest graduate program: the Master of Arts in Humanities, which will begin this fall on the Doheny Campus. All the classes will be held on weekends. For more information, call Tom Hoener at (213) 477-2800.

## Sister Mary Kevin Ford, CSJ, Past Chair of Board of Trustees, Passes Away

*Adapted from a necrology written by the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Joseph's Provincial House in Latham, New York*

Sister Mary Kevin Ford, CSJ, past chair of Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees and former president of Carondelet Health Care Corp., passed away Sept. 13, 2003, at St. Joseph's Provincial House in Latham, N.Y. She was 83. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., and her master's degree in nursing and school administration from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In 1979 she was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree by The College of Saint Rose in recognition of her professional achievements. Sister Mary Kevin was assistant director of the Division of Nursing at



The College of Saint Rose from 1947 to 1956. She spent 15 years as director of St. Mary's School of Nursing in Amsterdam. In 1982, she became president of the Carondelet Health Care Corp. of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, a health ministry. Also in the 1980s, she was vice chair of the board of directors of the Pope John XXIII Medical Moral Research and Education Institute, an anti-abortion group. She was a member of the Mount's Board of

Trustees from 1989 to 1996, serving as chair in 1995 and 1996. "She taught us how to be a champion of the cross, an advocate for the poor, how to have the strength of ten and yet be a gentle soul," the Sisters of St. Joseph wrote in a necrology. "In her letters to the congregation she forever reminded us to be a force for good, to respond to every opportunity in a manner which would reflect our own unique talents and gifts."

## Award-Winning Writer Gary Soto Reads Work to Students

Gary Soto, the award-winning poet, novelist, essayist, and children's book writer, read his work about first loves, junior high school, and growing up in Fresno to about 100 students in the Doheny Campus Lecture Hall last fall.

Soto said he earned mostly Cs and Ds in high school, but found redemption in writing poetry and short stories. His talk was sponsored by the Title V Transition Center and the campus group Voces Latinas.

"What makes you a writer? It's love and pain," Soto said. "You really have to be bitten by this thing."

Soto, who serves as the Young Person's Ambassador for both the United Farm Workers of America and California Rural Legal Assistance, praised early leaders of the Mexican-American movement for inspiring his writing.



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"César Chavez single-handedly changed the landscape of our country," Soto said. "Instead of the movement being about farm labor, he stirred things up. The movement was about education, law, medicine, and politics."

The author's new books include the poetry book *One Kind of Faith*, the young adult novel *The Afterlife*, and the children's biography *César Chavez, a Hero for Everyone*.

Soto lives in Berkeley.

Born and raised in Fresno, Soto is the author of ten poetry collections for adults, most notably his *New and Selected Poems*, a 1995 finalist for the National Book Award. His recollection *Living up the Street* earned an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. He has received fellowships from the California Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Guggenheim Foundation.

## Bridges

### Doheny Campus English Instructor Uses Writing Skills to Give Back

**O**n Thursday nights at Unity Fellowship Church on Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles, Mount English lecturer Frankie Lennon leads a class of frustrated writers toward liberation.

Lennon, a member of the church, volunteers to help community members with a passion for the written word find the courage to tell their stories. "Everybody has the talent to write, to tell his or her story," she said. "You just need to be encouraged to begin. It becomes easier when you feel like you have a support group."

The church classes are among a series of events Lennon has established to create friendly environments both on campus and off for writers at all levels. Lennon organizes an open mike night each semester at the Mount where students, faculty, and staff read from their writing. Last year, she brought her friend, poet Nikki Giovanni, to the Doheny Campus. Giovanni, who holds the Langston Hughes Medal for Outstanding Poetry, shared her outspoken style and vivid poetry with students.

At Lennon's Liberation Theology Church, her pastor, Archbishop Carl Bean, D.M., encouraged her to use her literary expertise to free writers. "There's healing and liberation in writing, especially when you're telling your own story," Lennon said.

Her students take the classes seriously.

"I'm tackling my childhood ingrained fears by taking this class," said John Meeks, an aspiring screenwriter who has dyslexia. He is writing a series of children's animated feature films set in the Civil-War era. "This is a journey for me. It's conquering that voice that sits in your head from your childhood that says, 'you can't.'"

In Lennon's classes, students take turns reading their latest work and hearing critiques from classmates. They read a variety of authors and discuss story structure, writer's voice, and grammar.

Sylvia Browne has found support for her children's stories featuring her cat, Oscar. "I'm very happy that Frankie has donated



Mount lecturer Frankie Lennon leads an open mike event on the Doheny Campus where students, faculty, and staff read from their writing.

her time and expertise to help me find my voice. She's built my confidence to type all of my stories instead of just writing them in long-hand."

Lennon, who is working on her memoirs, said she has gained confidence about her own writing through the classes. "I encourage people to find their own writer's voice, to do what they need to do," she said.

### Mount Hosts Art Exhibit Honoring WW II Veterans

**L**ast November and December, the Mount hosted the first stop on a national tour of an art exhibit honoring a diverse group of World War II veterans, including a Korean-American woman who taught soldiers how to fire machine guns.

Sculptors Claire Hanzakos, Kaija Keel, and Jilda Schwartz created busts of 100 living veterans for the exhibit in the College's José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery. A reception honoring the veterans who posed for the sculptures was held in November.



The busts were displayed next to photos of the service men and women as they appeared during World War II.

The artists formed a nonprofit group, Art Options Foundation, in hopes of raising money to eventually include headsets and audio commentary from the veterans in the exhibits, and a catalogue describing each veteran.

The artists also are working on a documentary film detailing the experiences of veterans of various ethnic backgrounds.

## Ahmanson Patio, Private Dining Room to be Renovated

Renovation of Ahmanson Commons at No. 11 Chester Place on the Doheny Campus continues this spring with a makeover of a patio and private dining room funded with an \$80,000 gift from Mount Regents Mark and Pam Rubin.

The front patio of the commons—outside a 103-year-old Gothic and Craftsman-style house—will be outfitted with new furniture, lighting, and landscaping. The design will be historically appropriate to the building's age.

The renovated patio also will include a kiosk for students to display posters about upcoming activities. The space is designed to become a vital campus center for students.

In addition, the gift funds a remodeling of an upstairs dining room in the building to be named the Frank Moothart Dining Room in honor of Moothart, a former trustee and regent of the College. The room will be transformed with new carpet, lighting, window treatments, and flooring. Both projects are expected to be completed in June.

The improvements follow an overhaul of the first floor of No. 11 Chester Place completed in August 2003. The renovation, funded with \$300,000 from the Ahmanson Foundation and \$250,000 from the Bill Hannon Foundation, transformed a dated food service area into a lively eating and meeting place.

## *In The Classroom*

### Mount to Offer New Bachelor's Degree Programs in Documentary Film, Social Work

Two new bachelor's degree programs in documentary film and social justice and social work, beginning in fall 2004, are being offered by the Mount to reflect the College's commitment to Catholic social teaching.

The College's first documentary film production course was offered in fall 2003. Students completed rough cuts of their projects—showcasing issues of homelessness, labor and wages, and the mariachi culture—in early December. The new bachelor of arts in documentary film and social justice is co-sponsored by the College's Sociology and Art departments.

Cynthia Mineros, a junior, said she wants to become a filmmaker and took the new class to get hands-on experience behind the camera. "I saw how difficult it is to make a movie," she said. "It's really hard, but rewarding, to go out and do the research for a documentary and get the story."

Mineros' film focused on mariachi bands working in East Los Angeles. She said she hopes her project will raise awareness that mariachis are rooted in tradition and are serious musicians. "Mariachis are part of my culture," said Mineros, who is of Mexican and El Salvadoran heritage. "The music is passed down through generations and they have a passion for it."

While Los Angeles has its share of large film schools—including USC and UCLA—the new Mount St. Mary's program will be more accessible to young women seeking careers in filmmaking. "Our students will use cameras in their first classes, instead of waiting the standard two or three years that larger film programs require," said Pam Haldeman, chair of the Sociology Department.

The program requires that students take internships during their senior years. Other requirements include courses in design,

photography, the history of film, and culture through film. Students also may pursue minors in documentary film and social justice.

At the end of each semester, students will show their films in a community screening where participants will join their film subjects, friends, families, and other students to share their work. The program also will bring documentary filmmakers to campus to discuss their own work through a partnership with the organization Human Rights Watch, according to Jody Baral, Art Department chair.

Haldeman sees the College becoming a hub for documentary films that emphasize social justice. "There's an advocacy component," she said, "and that's what the College is all about."

The College also will offer a bachelor of science degree in social work to help meet a rising need for services to the aging Baby Boomer generation, families living in poverty, and first-generation Americans.

The new major—designed to prepare graduates for master's level work as well as for entry-level jobs in the social services—enhances the College's existing sociology program which emphasizes advocating for clients, said Haldeman.

She said the number of sociology majors at the College has steadily grown in the recent years: "We have a strong background in this field, and I'm very confident that it will be successful."

The new bachelor's degree requires high-level mathematics, one year of research and statistics, and courses studying diversity in America, care giving for the elderly, case management, and juvenile delinquency.

"This major is geared toward the student who really knows that social work is what she wants to do," Haldeman said. "Right now, there are not enough social workers being trained."

Graduates of the program may work for government agencies, healthcare facilities, non-profit, and for-profit entities.

## Mount Welcomes New V.P. for Administration and Finance Chris K. McAlary

Chris K. McAlary joined the Mount as vice president for administration and finance in December 2003 after a nationwide search. McAlary was previously assistant vice president for facilities and services at Stony Brook University, New York, where he managed a staff of more than 500 employees and a budget of \$40 million.

"I'm thrilled to be at Mount St. Mary's and to be back in Southern California," McAlary said. Prior to his tenure at Stony Brook, he was associate vice president, facilities and management at California Polytechnic University, Pomona. He has 20 years experience in higher education facilities and financial management, many of those years at USC, where he earned his bachelor's



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degree in business administration and executive MBA degree.

The Administration and Finance Division McAlary heads includes the business office and departments of facilities management, auxiliary services, the controller, and human resources. One of his first priorities is the development of a master plan for the maintenance, repair, and upgrading of the college's historic—and aging—facilities.

"My mantra is customer service," he said. "We need to ensure that our students are getting the best we can offer in every possible way. Everyone is accountable in delivering on that promise."

## Intercampus Tours Lead to Intercampus Transfers

Sophomore Mary Ann Pastor arrived on the Doheny Campus from Hawaii planning to transfer to a state university after two years. Instead, she is continuing her studies in business administration on the Chalon Campus this semester. "I realized that I enjoy small classes, having interaction with my teachers, and going to a college where everyone is helpful," said Pastor. "I could never have that experience at a large school."

Junior Alexis Cotton, who transferred from the Doheny Campus last fall, knew from her first day at the College that she would pursue a baccalaureate degree in sociology on the Chalon Campus. "Everyone at Chalon is just as warm and welcoming as they were at Doheny," she said. "I wouldn't want to go anywhere else."

"These students represent a growing number who in the last few years began their studies at Doheny, and, wishing to better their lives, decided to continue at Chalon," said Jeanette Stone, intercampus transfer coordinator. But even as students are considering their options, Stone leaves nothing to chance.

To ensure that Associate in Arts program students were aware of the higher educational opportunities available to them at MSMC, Stone arranged student tours to the Chalon Campus last year for interested freshmen and sophomores. Many saw the campus for the first time, and after enjoying the view, visited the Academic Advisement, Learning Assistance, Resident Life, and Student Activities offices where they learned about the services available to them. They also met with Chalon students at "snack and chat" sessions, and enjoyed hearing about the campus from their peers.

Stone also contacts department chairs, faculty, and staff requesting

help for students who may need assistance with the application process.

"The result of these endeavors is an increase of more than 30 percent in the number of intercampus transfers this year," says Arianne Walker, director of Institutional Research and Assessment.

"The real plus is that our students continue their education, earn baccalaureate degrees, and become successful alumnae," said Stone.

## And the Angels Sang



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(L to R) Lola McAlpin Grant '63, Patricia Phillips, Leslie Cunningham '90, Stephanie Cubba, vice president for institutional advancement, and Fern Cunningham enjoy the pre-concert reception at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The event was sponsored by the MSMC Regents Council.

# MOUNT STUDENT EARNs STRIPES AS WAR VETERAN IN IRAQ

BY JOANNA BANKS

**M**ount sophomore Betty Kim survived 125-degree weather, sandstorms, and daily mortar attacks in the arid lands north of Baghdad as a soldier fighting in the war with Iraq.

Basic training for the Army National Guard taught her discipline and how to fire an M-16 rifle and 9mm handgun. But nothing prepared her for the way eight months in Iraq would change her life.

Kim, an aspiring financial planner who came to the Mount after graduating from an all-girls Catholic high school in Compton, is a sergeant in the Army National Guard and a medal-wearing war veteran. Kim, 21, and other members of her unit received a medal of commendation during a ceremony last December attended by congressional leaders in Northern California.

Since returning to her native Los Angeles in November 2003, Kim has shared her war experiences with other students at the College. She tells them about nighttime in Iraq, about sweating on her cot in a military tent-city, and about how she thanked God when she survived each day.

"I joined the National Guard for an adventure," said Kim, who studies business with an emphasis on accounting at the Doheny Campus. She plans to transfer to the Chalon Campus to finish her bachelor's degree in business. "I just didn't think I was going to be a war veteran by the age of 21."

On a typical day in Iraq, Kim awoke at 5:30 a.m. for an hour of physical training. At 7 a.m., she would attend a meeting to learn about the day's work. By 5:30 p.m., she left her station as a sergeant in charge of her unit's paperwork for another meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sometimes soldiers watched movies together or wrote letters home. Then she would shower and go to bed.

Every soldier had a shift of tower duty—a dreaded part of military life in Iraq, Kim said. The duty typically lasted 25

hours with two soldiers sharing a watchtower. They carried flares, night vision goggles, a radio, and rifles. They monitored mortar fire. The closer the explosions, the more anxious she became, Kim said.

"It's dark. You have your night vision goggles, but you can't really see anything," she said. "When the mortar fire comes close, it feels like an earthquake. You just hope that nothing bad happens that night."

Kim's friends in the College's Campus Ministry program

honored her military service during a reception at the Donahue Center on the Doheny Campus last November. "You appreciate life a lot more when you're out there," Kim told College staff and students. "You appreciate the little things in life."

"You're half a world away with no one. You just have to pray and ask God to give you another day," said Kim, the youngest of seven women in a unit with 121 soldiers in Iraq.

"It's hard. All of a sudden you hear of someone who died. When you hear about another soldier being killed—that could have been one of my pilots going down. I know a lot of people didn't make it. Thank God I did," she said.

Fear grabbed hold of her one day when she drove a Humvee in a convoy from Iraq to Kuwait. She was terrified through most of the 24-hour trip, she said, worried about enemy attacks.

When the convoy had to stop for a car accident blocking the road, Kim did as she was trained to do when a young boy came up to her: she pointed her handgun at him. "That was the hardest thing to do," she said. "But I didn't have a choice."

It turned out the boy was selling rides on his donkey to the soldiers for \$1. She paid the \$1 and a friend snapped a picture of her on the animal.

Kim declined to publicly discuss her views about the war. But she said, "I just want the soldiers to come home safely."



Betty Kim (second from left) with her sister and her parents.



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Top to bottom: Kim poses in front of a Bradley tank at a base just north of Baghdad; During a stop of her convoy from Iraq to Kuwait, Kim paid \$1 for a donkey ride; Kim in front of a mural of Saddam Hussein in Kirkuk, Iraq; Kim with her unit's vehicle mechanics in Al Jafr, Jordan.

# MSMC Alumnae Association

The Alumnae Association was organized shortly after the Mount's first class of 10 graduated in 1929. Meetings were held quarterly and new alums paid dues of \$1 per year. Currently, there are no dues and all graduates are members of the association, comprising more than 13,000 members since its beginning 75 years ago.



June 1931  
Alums support new graduates



April 27, 1940  
First Alumnae Fashion Show

## 1929

June 1929  
MSMC Alumnae Association organized

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October 18, 1959  
First annual Outstanding Alumna Awards were presented at Founders Day to recipients Jude Longshore Nichols '55 and Eloise Martinez Helwig '51

June 1940  
Reverend Lorenzo Malone, S.J., serves as retreat master for 35 alums on Chalon Campus at the first Alumnae Retreat

1954

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October 1957  
First Fund Drive organized by Eloise Martinez Helwig '51 raised \$3,301 for unrestricted funds



1963  
Alumnae Association's Sister Dolorosa Award established for graduating senior who best exemplifies intellectual, moral, religious, and social virtues

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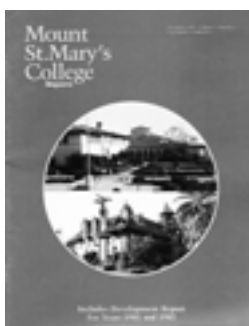
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December 1982  
First issue of Mount St. Mary's College magazine

1984  
Alumnae tour to England with Sister Mary Williams



Many thanks to Gertrude Cramer Stimson '46 for her generous contribution of Mount memorabilia.

# Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Over the years, the Alumnae Association has been dedicated to offering personal, intellectual, and spiritual enhancement to its members; building a sense of community encompassing alumnae and the College; and providing financial and other support for MSMC.



April 3, 1945  
First edition  
of *The View*



October 15, 1950  
College's 25th  
anniversary

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1972  
*Alumnae Echoes*  
publication



March 22, 1975  
First Easter Egg Hunt  
on Doheny Campus

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1996  
Jane Luecke Johnson '64, first  
alumna representative named to  
the College's Board of Trustees



April 12, 1975  
Alumnae Association celebrates 50th anniversary with a  
fashion show and luncheon at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel

1979  
First Alumnae  
Phon-A-Thon



2004  
Latina Alumnae Network  
created to support and  
mentor Latina students

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1994  
African American Alumnae  
Network created to provide  
scholarships in math and science  
for African American students



2000  
Alumnae representing 65 classes  
marched in inaugural procession  
for Mount President Jacqueline  
Powers Doud

## 2004

2004  
Alumnae Connection  
Web site to begin

October 9, 2004

**Homecoming and 75th Anniversary  
celebration—Champagne and Roses**

# GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO CAL GRANTS WILL LIMIT ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

BY DON DAVIDSON, DIRECTOR OF  
COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004–2005 attempts to address a mounting deficit by reducing services to Californians. While Republicans and Democrats alike recognize the problem, the manner in which it will be addressed is the subject of a heated debate in Sacramento and throughout the state.



Students Florence Flores '06 (left) and Jessica Langford '04 (right) with Melissa Romero '02 in Sacramento

The governor's proposed budget will dramatically impact Mount St. Mary's College and its students and their families by limiting access to quality higher education for thousands of low-income Californians.

The Cal Grant program, administered by the California Student Aid Commission, is in jeopardy and the Mount needs the help of its alumnae and friends in ensuring its future and the future of its current students and generations of students to come.

The governor's proposal will lower the income ceiling by 10 percent for new students who qualify for the Cal Grant program and reduce the award for qualifying independent college and university students by 44 percent, from \$9,708 to \$5,482. Asking families to make up this difference is unrealistic and will deprive most, if not all, Cal Grant-eligible students from attending Mount St. Mary's College or the college of their choice.

You can help by writing to your elected officials and expressing your opposition to these reductions. For more information about the proposal, visit the Web Site <http://capwiz.com/aiccu>. Created by the Association of

Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), the site will help you identify your state representatives and get their addresses and e-mail information. If you choose, a convenient fill-in form can be used to send your message to the governor and others involved in this critical decision.

In February, Mount Sophomore Florence Flores, Senior Jessica Langford, and Melissa Romero, coordinator of the MSMC Ambassador Program, traveled to Sacramento to attend AICCU's Cal Grant Students Day, where they delivered letters to the Mount's state senators and assembly members. In part, the letters said, "We hope you see the importance of investing in the young women and men of California to ensure a healthy future for our state with an educated workforce. Full funding of the Cal Grant program is essential to enabling us to realize our dreams."

Please join our students by reaching out to your elected officials. Together, we can ensure the Mount's young women and men can realize their dreams.

## Class Notes

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**Mary Sibelio Frary** is retired but would like to mention her children's endeavors: an ESL teacher, a Japanese-to-English translator, and a teacher of English. She has seven grandchildren, including a graphic artist, a chef, a Web Site designer, a first grade teacher, an archaeologist and a geologist. The youngest is a drama student.

'45

**Onriette Lebron King** lives in Vermont where they have had much snow, which is good for skiers but hard on seniors.

**Vincentia Ginevra Lesko** attended a granddaughter's wedding in Vancouver, Washington, and also visited Mount St. Helen's. She will also attend another granddaughter's wedding in Oregon in September.

'46

**Mary Needels Block** and her husband Bob have made 12 trips in the past year. She paints watercolors when she is home.

**Joan Cunningham** has been reading from her book, *My Father Was a Bit Player*, and lecturing on the Depression to classes in social studies, religion, and movies in middle schools in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. She says the kids are wonderful.

'47

**Lorraine Murphy Purnell** and her husband Bill enjoyed a trip to Copenhagen, traveling the northern sea routes with stops in Iceland and Greenland.

**Lenora Geier Shay** is still traveling and spent Christmas 2002 and the New Year's holiday season in Hawaii with her younger daughter, who was an Air Force pilot but now works for a major commercial airline. They go to as many Air Force Academy games as

possible. This year they're taking a Lewis and Clark trip up and down the Snake and Columbia rivers in May, and in the fall will be visiting the northeastern provinces of Canada.

**Martha Holt Watson** is enjoying retirement from Children's Services, and enjoying her children and family life.

'49

**Pat Spain Lorick** and her daughter spent two weeks touring and driving around Ireland last summer.

'51

**Susan Robertson Gerard** last year welcomed her 18th grandchild.

**Eloise Martinez Helwig** has been named executive vice-president and chief development officer of the Arthritis Foundation, Southern California chapter.

**Joyce Gisler Kelly** and her husband celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary with 18 of their family members in Laguna Beach last July. She says she had such fun with nine grandchildren there.

**Mary Lou Jandro Kimmel** has recently begun volunteering at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, California. The garden is devoted to California native plants, and she encourages everyone to visit the garden.

**Rose Marie Bachand Thomas** and her husband celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last November.

'52

**Beverly Halpin Carrigan** enjoyed a reunion with her fellow classmates last April, and also had a great time in Poland in September.

**Eileen Micklish Hempfling** spent two weeks in Calgary with 18 Model A Fords on tour last July. She also enjoyed her job as parade chairman.

'53

**Lillian Pereyra** is living in an active retirement community in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Last year

she co-authored *Adapting in Eden: The Catholic Minority in Oregon*, published by the Washington State University Press. She is active in the League of Women Voters and Kappa Gamma.

**Deene Ibbetson Schrank** started her 53rd year in the teaching profession. All of her years have been dedicated to K-8 education for the city of Torrance except for one year at Pico Rivera.

'54

**John Ellis** is retired and is a volunteer tutor in public schools in reading and comprehension. He teaches music master classes at the North Carolina School of the Arts, has 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**Georgia Grupe** is recuperating from a fracture/dislocation of her left ankle.

**Rosemary Davidson Hawkins** has been retired for 7 years and is enjoying time with her husband, 9 children, 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**Jean Call Plinck** now has 12 grandchildren, 7 of whom live in Minneapolis and Milwaukee. Her time is filled with singing in three groups, playing bridge, being president of her division of the California Retired Teachers Association, and traveling and spending time with the grandchildren.

'55

**Rosemary Brunet Giacomi** is doing substitute teaching, volunteering at MEND, and celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in Mammoth Lakes with her family, including 13 grandchildren.

'56

**Julia Peman Panfili** asks for prayers for her husband.

**Margaret Nester Walters**, after raising seven children, went to the University of Portland as part of the Pastoral Counseling Program. She had an internship in the Chaplaincy Program, which prepared her to become a chaplain.

'57

**Alice Osti Carriere** received a brand new knee last August. She managed to visit her 4 children and 14 grandchildren last summer, and says that God has blessed them.

**Katherine Bondan Gross** started her seventh year of teaching a community-based instruction class at Canoga Park High School.

'58

**Barbara Studer Collins**, formerly a clinical and administrative nurse was recently recognized by the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society Group Foundation with the Champion of Health award. The award is given to individuals who have over the course of their careers, exemplified professionalism, leadership, caring, and compassion. She credits the Mount with helping her develop these qualities.

'59

**Patricia Mears Fine** has been married for 45 years, has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She is a retired teacher, but has returned to tutor ESL students, and writes children's books, with 4 published last year and 4 published this year.

**Kathleen Halloran Koziolk** is serving a term as the state president of the Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, which means delegate trips to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Dallas, Texas; Washington, D.C.; Alexandria, Virginia; and San Diego, California.

**Deanna Maraccini McCauley** retired after 30 years of teaching high school biology, and is serving as a docent at the Kern County Museum specializing in the Yokuts Indians indigenous to the San Joaquin Valley. She also volunteers at the Catholic Hospital in the area of patient dietary care.

**Claire Roach** has gone on hiatus in the lush silence of the sequoias in Kings Canyon, California.

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**Patricia Reap Dern** is still teaching special-ed students full time, and is planning a trip to Australia this August.

**Beverly McClure Dougherty** celebrated her 65th birthday in Santa Barbara with classmates **Kathy Feeley Cahill**, **JoAnn Hartman Sheerin**, **Mary Lynn Pickett Mallen**, and **Lynda Lathrop Callos**. She also celebrated in Dana Point with classmates **Cheryl Bockhold**, **Marilyn Jamison Pappas**, and **Kathleen Kelley Herman**.

**Marilyn Brassor Nagel** continues to work 30 hours a week as a high school special education instructional assistant.

'61

**Judy Cascales**, since retiring after 40 years of teaching, has been working on family genealogies and traveling, going three times to Minneapolis to visit her daughter and grandchildren, and seven times to Europe and Latin America, including Cuba. She says it has been wonderful.

**Mary Karig d'Urso** says that after a disastrous fire in November of 2002, she and her family are now back in their rebuilt house. Although they lost much, the pictures of class gatherings through the years were retrieved.

**Linda Cox Stellern** retired last June from Pasadena Unified School District after 32 years teaching grammar school. She and her husband spent a month in Maui, and toured Italy and Bosnia in October. She went to the canonization of three new saints in October at the Vatican and had an audience with Pope John Paul II.

'62

**Peggy Cleary Busher** received a kidney transplant last May, after being on dialysis for five years.

'63

**Catharine Romano Gerster** says that since her husband has retired they are free to visit their newly married daughter in San Diego.

**Renate Kerris** finds her work as a group facilitator at the Wellness Community, a career support center in Pasadena, very rewarding.



Enjoying the festivities at the Golden Graduate and Heritage Society Christmas Luncheon are: (front row l-r) Garland O'Rourke Parten '46, Jack Nevins, Margaret Thalken '46, Betty Ludwig Trumbull '46, and William Trumbull and (back row l-r) Bill Parten, Marion Hills Farrell '46, and Sally Warner.

**Gerri Okamura Radman** retired last September after 39 years with the Los Angeles Department of Health Services as a pediatric nurse practitioner. She is looking forward to spending time with family and traveling.

**Anne Rieger Boenisch** retired from her career as a high school teacher/librarian in 2002. She loves to travel, and has visited Germany, Austria, Italy, Turkey and South Africa since her retirement. She loves to spend time with her grandchildren and does some volunteer work in their schools. She lives in the country and loves to garden, plant trees, and take care of her animals—horse, chickens, cats, and dogs. She also does some volunteer work at a Trappist abbey.

'64

**Madeline Drnek Hamilton's** youngest child was married last July to the son of **Carol McGarry '69**. Last September she traveled to Russia and then welcomed her third granddaughter in November.

**Carol Peschke** is a Christian counselor working with trauma victims. She is involved in healing prayer ministry, and has four grandchildren.

'65

**Kathleen Mitchell McGroarty** is a school nurse with the LAUSD. She has five grown children and three beautiful grandchildren. She says that "life is full."

**Ricky Ruplinger Warkentin**

and her cousin John Martin spent last summer revisiting Paris, and then resided in the south of France in a provencal bastide at Aux Deux Soeurs, a private valley near St. Remy de Provence.

**Vicki Young** is enjoying retirement on the Olympic Peninsula. She volunteers in the Coast Guard Auxiliary doing safety patrols in her boat, teaching safe boating classes, and doing courtesy vessel safety checks. She is also a docent at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center Natural History Exhibit.

'66

**Sandra Pawlowski Comouche** is still traveling, to New Zealand, Fiji, Florida, and the Panama Canal. She is enjoying life in Carlsbad, California, and is a substitute teacher with the Carlsbad Unified School District.

**Linda Marie Ercole-Musso** is living at the beach on an island in the Gulf of Mexico and teaching art to at-risk children and adults.

**Elizabeth Clark Stevens** is still teaching English language learners in grades four, five, and six for the Irvine Unified School District.

'67

**Eileen Brick Gibbs** has been active in the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., and served as national fund raising chairman for 2002-03.

'68

**Yvonne Burdo Everson** reports that her youngest daughter will marry this August, and her oldest daughter is expecting her first grandchild in June.

**Mary Kellett McCullough** is a professor at Loyola Marymount University serving as director of the new doctoral program in Educational Leadership for Social Justice.

**Moreen Rogan McGurk** reports that one son is a junior at Lehigh University and another will start college this fall. She has been elected to the board of directors for Outward Bound USA and is studying decorative painting.

'69

**Virgina Fijak Fry** reports that her son, a veterinarian, married another veterinarian, last May.

**Teresa Keeler** spent three months in Florence, Italy, taking 30 students for Pasadena City College's Study Abroad Program. She taught English (Italian folk and fairy tales), humanities (how to think like Leonardo Da Vinci), and anthropology (cultural). Keeler attributes much of her success to the superb undergraduate education she received at the Mount.

**Mary Beth Stonestreet Kitchens** retired from her nursing career last fall. She is looking forward to traveling, volunteering in the community, and having fun with family and friends.

'70

**Sheila Jakobowitz Revere** welcomed her first grandchild last October. **Cheryl Revere '97** is the proud aunt.

'72

**Phyllis Kelley Falls** is living in Westlake Village, California. She has two children in college and one who recently completed a master's degree.

**Mary Ann Wagoner Hudson** is finishing her school nurse credential and is working at the Saugus Unified School District.

'73

**Mary Corty O'Connor** has been appointed director of the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

'74

**Kris Klumph Bounds** reports that her son graduated from UCLA last June, and her oldest daughter was married last August.

**Susan Boke Holland** is in her 30th year of teaching. She says she's never been happier than teaching middle school students all these years and thanks Sr. Gertrude and Doris Harris for helping her find her purpose.

**Wendy Hussey Mosbeck** has been working at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for 29 years in the NICU.

**Barbarann Smith** has returned to teaching in a Catholic school, St. Mary's, in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

'77

**Julie Ruesenberg Beck** is singing in the Portland Symphonic Choir and visited Hawaii this February as a chaperone for her son's high school choir.

'78

**Cynthia Przytula** recently relocated to Reno, Nevada and will be married this June to her high school sweetheart. She is assistant manager of a 30,000 square foot clubhouse in a 370-unit home development.

'79

**Natalie Harris Martinez** recently returned from a medical mission trip to Panama with Project Compassion. She is employed as a pediatric nurse practitioner in San Diego.

'80

**Jacqueline Bird Ayres** is enjoying a busy life with three teenagers, working as a case manager with the Tommy Lasorda Cardiac Institute at Centinela Hospital.

'81

**Robert Feller** went on his first cruise last summer to Mexico and is planning the next trip to Alaska. He is working as a bilingual loan officer at 1st Metropolitan Mortgage in Salinas, and thinks often of his classmates at the Mount.

**Stella Maldonado Padilla** celebrated 20 years of marriage and has three children.

'82

**Jennifer Tellers Schultz** has been working as a geriatric nurse practitioner for 15 years with Kaiser Permanente. She has been married for 18 years and is raising three sons.

**Dorothy Bimber Worley** is in her third year as pastor of St. James United Methodist Church and works as a volunteer with the Los Angeles County Police.

'83

**Martha Burgos-Duyt** is married and has three beautiful boys. She still works at a local hospital as a case manager.

'86

**Diana Campa Limon** is a maternal-child health educator and lactation consultant at Kaiser Permanente in Panorama City.

'87

**Cindy Charleton** recently traveled to the Panama Canal, and last year performed medical missionary work in Vietnam.

**Claudia Ruiz** is the assistant principal elementary instructional specialist at Newcastle Elementary School in Reseda.

'88

**Anne Kristin Bishop** traveled back to Australia last year to tour and visit friends. She attended a family reunion on Whidbey Island, Wash., in 2002. She is currently teaching a 4-5 looping class at Broadview and enjoying it.

**Karen McKnight Compton** has been sworn in to serve a one-year term on the Committee on the Status of Women for the city of Glendale.

**Lori Koutouratsas** is a single mother of three, works part-time at her church coordinating worship and music, and last fall started graduate school at Fuller Theological Seminary, where she is studying to become a minister.

**Kelvinia Sambula Mejia** has received a license for life insurance.

'89

**Leleka Doonquah** has completed her Infectious Diseases Fellowship training at Howard University Hospital, and now works for a federally-funded clinic in Washington, D.C.

**Rose Kerr** has retired and she and her husband are enjoying traveling, volunteering, and keeping happy and busy.

**Jill Oestreicher Schmidt** is currently vice president of operations for Memorial Psychiatric Hospital Health Services in Long Beach. She has two children.

'90

**Kathryn Steritz-Whitehurst** is currently a stay-at-home mom raising her two daughters, but hopes to return to physical therapy soon.

**Lilly Polansky Weissinger** and her husband had their second child last September, and she began her own private practice physical therapy clinic in Los Gatos, California, last February.

'91

**Jill Crevier** is very proud of three of her granddaughters who recently graduated from college cum laude and summa cum laude.

**Gina Ursell-Ross** celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary last June, is raising two daughters, and works part-time as a physical therapist assistant.

'92

**Margarita Lominy Gonzalez** has been teaching for 12 years for Baldwin Park Unified School District.

**Trudi Morgan Saltamachio** was expecting her fourth child in March, and is working part-time as a school counselor at Lincoln Middle School in Vista, California.

'94

**Jaqueline Lemus Colato** is a teacher of pre-K at 10th Street Elementary, and obtained her national board certification as a generalist: early childhood last December.

**Tara Mendizabal** is assistant director of a Clinical Case Management Program in Manhattan at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

**Rachel Mino** lives with her husband and son in Tucson, Arizona, where she will complete her medical residency at the University of Arizona.

'95

**Jennifer McCormick Bartlett** sold her home in Glendale and moved to a loft downtown.

'96

**Haidee Love Manabat Lagunday** and her husband have two children. She just took a new job at UPS as an occupational health supervisor after being with Union Pacific Railroad for five years.

**Cynthia Moreno** is engaged and will be marrying her long-time sweetheart in July in Los Angeles.

'00

**Chau Le** will be attending graduate school in fall 2004 to obtain her master's degree in social work.

**Maxine Malone** is currently teaching learning-disabled students in grades K-5.

**M. Veronica Martinez** is currently working as the student support services/ISAE counselor at the Mount and is pursuing a human services personnel counseling master's degree at the Mount.

**Marcia J. Muljono** legally changed her last name to Liem, the family's ancestral name. Muljono was a state-required

Indonesian name her parents were required to use.

**Aimee Jade Sison** is an elementary teacher at Yorbita Elementary School in La Puente, California.

## '01

**Janele Butcher Howell** was married last November in Hawaii, and lives in San Francisco where she teaches at Cathedral School for Boys.

**Brooke Hardcastle Thompson** and her husband recently moved to Maryland from Arizona.

## '02

**Leslie Berru** is looking forward to completing graduate school in May and is getting married this June.

## Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses:

- '67 Paulette Marshall Barry to William Mack Terry
- '85 Mary Tetlow Morner to James Moran
- '86 Kathleen Bush to Jack Burr
- '95 Michelle Laplante to Gregory Hohertz
- '97 Kristine Becker to Melvin Jensen
- '98 Andrea Bidart to Mikel Orteiza Etxeberria
- '00 Aimee Jade Sison to Bryant Carl Aquino
- '01 Janele Butcher to Timothy Howell
- '01 Jennifer Sampson to Jonathan Casey Shay
- '01 Suzanne Schroeder to John Lazear
- '02 Stacey Green to Ron Antflick
- '02 Ileana Silva to Jesus Barrera

## By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

- '87 Sophia to Catalina Gonzalez Sanchez, 2nd child, 1st daughter
- '89 Teresa Catherine Santana to Joanne Bartolotti
- '90 Frances Marie to Stephanie Sartain Herrera, 2nd child, 1st daughter
- '97 Marco Inigo Esteban to Maricar Inigo
- '97 Adam to Willow Nardoni-Teays, 1st child
- '98 Andrew Raymond to Michelle Chamberlain Cervantes, 2nd child, 2nd son
- '98 Sofia Jade to Elizabeth Guevara Kelemen, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
- '00 Samantha to Regina Bills-Dacong
- '00 Jeremiah Lorenzo Aquino to Aimee Jade Sison, 1st child
- '00 Seth Sebastian to Martha Ramirez, 1st child

## Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

- '37 Thelma Coleman Fluhr
- '37 Rosetta Mallen Martin
- '38 Margaret Werts Hannin
- '39 Muriel Gordon Mochel
- '42 Yvonne Wightman Whitley
- '45 husband of Lois McDonald Taylor
- '45 Marguerite Crosby Thielen
- '46 husband of Marion Hills Farrell
- '46 husband of Helen Reimann Wood
- '48 Marion Tripeny
- '49 son of Madeline Pettrow Byrd
- '51 mother of Sr. Louise Bernstein, CSJ
- '51 Huguette Hery Clarizio
- '51 husband of Gloria Mankiewicz Curtis
- '51 Dolores Welgoss DeGrassi
- '52 mother of Vivian Burgess
- '52 Elaine Moore
- '53 Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ
- '53 Loretta Fanning
- '54 Helen McEachen Dunlap
- '54 wife of John H. Ellis
- '54 sister of Carmen Martinez-Bergum
- '54 mother of Eileen Hainley Sauer and grandmother of Marytherese Sauer '80

- '56 husband of Patricia James Johnson
  - '56 mother of Kathleen Murphy Justice and Msgr. Jeremiah T. Murphy '69M
  - '56 husband of Miriam Kam Kahalekai
  - '57 father of Dorothy Huarte Gallivan
  - '57 Susan Cartmell Mena
  - '58 brother of Margaret Sprigg Horst, Sally Sprigg Van Leuven '61, Martha Sprigg Martin '64, and Jane Sprigg Jeffries '67
  - '59 mother of Kathleen Halloran Koziolk
  - '59 Susan Geeson Potter
  - '59 mother of Gloria Travaglini Chess and grandmother of Lisa Wells DeHaas '82
  - '60 husband of Betty Mayhew Logsdon
  - '61 husband of Beverly Marsden Birner
  - '62 brother of Jane Hancuff McCrae
  - '63 mother of Collette Boland Quinn
  - '64 mother of Sharon Bowen Gedan
  - '64 Marilyn Quinn
  - '65 Roberta Duffield Kordich
  - '67 husband of Patricia Maccarrone LeRoux
  - '68 mother of Mary Annette Irvine Hall
  - '69 aunt of Patty Desmarais
  - '69 Mary Beth Burggraf Martin
  - '69 mother of Veronica Leon Welch
  - '69 Cheryl Mabey Ruebensaal
  - '70 Patricia Kennedy Matthews
  - '70 daughter of Sue Keeler Beltran and niece of Teresa Keeler '69
  - '70 father of Barbara Murway Tweedy
  - '73 son of Mary Pat Parten Gonzalez and grandson of Garland O'Rourke Parten '46
  - '73 brother of Regina Shermer Reed
  - '74 father of Margaret Avila
  - '75 father of Jane Schaner Moore and Mary W. Schaner '92
  - '75 Jaime Oliver
  - '78 father of Susan Stark Meyer
  - '78 Terri Rasmussen
  - '81 husband of Corinne Ising Dodge
  - '81 Marissa Patron
  - '82 brother of Dorothy Bimber Worley
  - '93 father of Kirsten Schleining Barnes and Monica Schleining '89
  - '98 mother of Maria Chadburn
  - '02 husband of Ann Karner
- They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

## Advanced Degrees

The alumnae Association congratulates the following alums on their successful pursuit of intellectual achievement:

- '62 Betsy Beaver, J.D. in environmental law from the University of Colorado, 2000
- '69 Palma Nitti Holland, M.A. in education from Chapman University, June 2003
- '87 Cindy Charleton, MBA from the University of Phoenix, August 2002
- '92 Margarita Lominy Gonzalez, M.A. in teaching from Grand Canyon University, May 2003
- '94 Rachel Mino Swart, M.D. from Northwestern University Medical School, May 2003
- '95 Veronica Garibay Villaseñor, M.S. in special education from MSMC, May 2002
- '97 Willow Nardoni-Teays, MSI in information for library science from the University of Michigan, 2000
- '98 Giovanna Brasfield, MBA from the University of Phoenix, 2000
- '98 Evette Flores Reagan, M.A. in clinical psychology from Pepperdine University, June 2003
- '99 Shela Andres, MPT from Chapman University, 2002
- '00 Maxine Malone, M.S. in school psychology from National University, June 2003
- '00 Aimee Jade Sison M.A. in education—reading specialist from California State University, Los Angeles, June 2003
- '01 Suzanne Schroeder Lazear, masters in public policy from Pepperdine University, April 2003

**NOTE:** We are proud of all our alums and are happy to showcase your academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than four years or send information that has already appeared in Alumnae Class Notes.

# A LOOK BACK

## Out With the Old, In With the New (Logo, That is)



After many months of review and revisions, a new logo (above) has been officially adopted by the Mount. A Web-based survey of more than 800 alumnae, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the College overwhelmingly preferred this final version. After many years of uncertainty and countless variations, official purple and gold colors (found in the logo) have been adopted as well.

The new version continues to use the script letter "M" and leverages the brand identity associated with it for the past decade. It also provides a more legible and larger version of the College's full name, with emphasis on the "Mount," a moniker the College promotes in identifying our uniqueness.



The previous logo (above) was adopted ten years ago and served the College well in many applications, but presented numerous problems in reproduction and a disconnect with the college's purple and gold color scheme. Viewers often missed the word Mount and confused the Mount with "that other college" in the Bay Area.



The College seal (above) was designed by Baker's heraldic office in London and bears the motto Deus Illuminatio Mea (God My Light). It will continue to be used as the imprimatur of the College, which is limited to official documents such as diplomas, certificates, and awards.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### May

#### Commencement Activities

Friday, May 14  
8 p.m.

#### **Weekend College Awards and Reception**

Chalon Campus Center

Saturday, May 15  
10 a.m.

#### **Golden Graduate Celebration**

Lecture Hall

The class of 1954 will be welcomed into the Golden Grad Club at a brunch hosted by MSMC President Jacqueline Powers Doud, and will participate in the Baccalaureate Mass.

1:30 p.m.

#### **Baccalaureate Mass**

Carondelet Center

4:30 p.m.

#### **Baccalaureate Graduation**

Chalon Campus Circle



GLENN MARZANO

Monday, May 17  
2:30 p.m.

#### **Associate in Arts Mass**

St. Vincent's Church

4:30 p.m.

#### **Associate in Arts Graduation**

Mansion Front Lawn  
Doheny Campus

8 p.m.

#### **Graduate Hooding and Graduation**

Doheny Campus Lecture Hall

### June

Sunday, June 6  
11:30 a.m.

#### **Latina New Grad Luncheon**

Hosted by the Latina Alumnae Network  
Pompeian Room, Doheny Mansion  
Doheny Campus

For information, please call Elizabeth Robles '03 in  
Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767



Saturday, June 26  
11 a.m.

#### **Tour of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**

Annual alumnae docent-led tour  
Reservations are required by June 7  
Please call Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767